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The reply brief filed 3/7/05 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

The rejection of claims 25 and 27-30 is withdrawn in light of the arguments made on page 5-7 of the Reply Brief. Appellants have provided sufficient evidence that one skilled in the art would not consider the secondary backing of Langsdorf to meet the requirements of being the claimed flexible film. However it is noted that in the future Appellants should make such arguments at the first opportunity (in the reply to the nonfinal action mailed on 4/16/04) rather than the FOURTH opportunity in order to expedite prosecution.

It is noted that claims 25 and 27-30 are hereby allowed. Irwin teaches corona discharge treating a flexible film, however there is no suggestion of bonding the treated flexible film to a greige good precoated with a foam layer. Irwin does teach having a foam layer bonded to the other surface of the corona discharge treated flexible film (Column 4, lines 30-34), but there is no suggestion for the foam layer to be between the greige good and the flexible film.

The rejection of claims 15-18 and 20-24 are maintained.

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